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Chinook salmon population booms

Restoration efforts pay off in year's bounty

By Peter Fimrite

CLEMENTS, San Joaquin County — Salmon crowded in and around the Mokelumne River Fish Hatchery on Thursday, offering leaping and squiggling proof of what so far is a near-record return of the big pinkish delicacies after several years of low breeding numbers.

Schoolchildren watched as the fall-run chinook squirmed on conveyor belts into the "egg take" building, where, with help from about a dozen hatchery workers, they engaged in the decidedly unromantic process of spawning the next generation.

"It's going to be one of the top three or four years that we've seen since 1940," said Jose Setka, the manager of fisheries and wildlife

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Top: A salmon attempts to jump up the fish ladder to the Mokelumne River Fish Hatchery in Clements. Above: Joshua Deanfipps of the Department of Fish and Wildlife measures a salmon at the hatchery.

House OKs tax overhaul

3 California Republicans balk, cite impact on state

By Carolyn Lochhead

WASHINGTON — Eager to deliver major legislation to President Trump, House Republicans on Thursday passed a sweeping tax overhaul bill that numerous analyses show would disproportionately hurt individuals in California and other high-tax states.

The bill passed 227 to 205 with 13 House Republicans, including three from California, voting no and not a single Democrat voting yes. The vote now shifts the focus of tax overhaul to the Senate, which has its own legislative version.

Among the dissenting GOP House members Thursday were Californians Tom McClintock of Elk Grove (Sacramento County), Dana Rohrabacher of Costa Mesa (Orange County) and Darrell Issa of Vista (San Diego County).

All three expressed concern about the bill's potential to increase taxes on their constituents, mainly because of the loss of the state and local tax deduction, valued by residents of California, New York, New Jersey and Maryland, all Demo-

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Embarcadero plaza loses name of Justin Herman

By Dominic Fracassa

San Francisco's Recreation and Park Commission voted 4-2 Thursday to strip Justin Herman's name from the plaza on the Embarcadero that's borne the name of the controversial and once-powerful bureaucrat for more than four decades.

It's the second time in less than a month that the commission has voted on the issue in response to growing criticism of Herman's contentious legacy and calls to rededicate the plaza to a less divisive public figure.

An unusual clerical error at the commission's Oct. 19 meeting forced the second vote. Before

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New Covered California signups rise 23 percent

By Catherine Ho

The number of new customers signing up for health insurance through the Covered California exchange jumped 23 percent during the first two weeks of open enrollment compared with the same period last year, state officials said Thursday.

About 48,000 new customers signed up for subsidized health plans between Nov. 1 and Nov. 14 — up from 39,000 during the same period in 2016.

"What's most stunning is that the number of people enrolled so far is so much higher than those enrolled the year before," said Nadereh Pourat, research director at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research. She noted that the Trump administration has cut back on advertising, and attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act have created confusion.

"I'm guessing a lot of people are

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Sunny.
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Regents scold Napolitano for role in audit meddling

By Melody Gutierrez and Sarah Ravani

The University of California regents took disciplinary action against President Janet Napolitano on Thursday, publicly admonishing her for authorizing actions that led to her staff's interference with a state auditor's investigation last year.

The regents also ordered Napolitano to apologize for approving the scheme that resulted in her chief of staff and his deputy pressuring campuses to change their responses to a confidential state auditor survey to remove negative remarks and instead have them reflect positively on the president's office.

"The president's decision to approve a plan to coordinate the survey responses reflected poor judgment and set in motion a course of conduct that the Board of Regents finds unacceptable," UC Regents Chair George Kieffer said

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